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SPECIAL MESSAGE.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
WHEELING, Feb. 16, 1866.

To the Senate and House of Delegates:

As authorized by a resolution of the Legislature, adopted January 22, 1866, I appointed M. J. Amiss, Esq., of Wood county, an agent, for the purpose indicated in the resolution, who proceeded to the Lunatic Asylums, at Williamsburg and Staunton, Virginia, and having executed the commission confided to him, has returned and made a report in writing, which is herewith communicated.

From this report it will be seen that there are thirteen (13) patients in the Asylum at Williamsburg, who were sent there from counties now within this State; and that there are ninety-three (93) patients in the Asylum at Staunton, who were sent there from counties now within this State. Three of the latter appear to have estates out of which, or friends by whom, they have been supported.

An exhibit accompanying the report gives the names of the parties now at Williamsburg; the date of their admission, and the counties they are respectively from. There is also, with the report a list of the patients who now are, or have been, at the Asylum at Staunton, since September 30, 1860, which gives the date of their admission, and of the discharges and deaths, and the counties from which they were respectively received.

It occurred to me, in preparing the letter of instruction for Mr. Amiss, that the Legislature might think proper at this session to make provision for paying for the support of the patients from the end of the war, and with that view, I directed him to ascertain what was claimed for such support from May 1, 1865, to the beginning of the fiscal year. This he has reported. But on further reflection it seems to me that it would be advisable for this Legislature to confine its appropriation for the support of these patients to the current fiscal year, leaving the claim for previous support, as a part of the contemplated settlement between the two States.

It will also be seen that the Superintendent of the Asylum at Williamsburg informed the agent that the charge for the support of

the patients at that institution would be seven dollars ($7) per week each until they were removed; and that the Board of Directors of the Asylum at Staunton have proposed to accommodate the patients at that institution for the present year at the average cost to them, which it appears is two hundred and four dollars ($204) per annum for each patient. I therefore recommend that you make the necessary appropriation to pay for the support of these insane persons for the current year.

In laying the report of the agent before you, I deem it my duty to call your attention to the orders of the Board of Directors of the Asylum at Staunton, accompanying his report, and especially to the latter part of the last order of the series, in which it will be seen the directors express the "hope that the Government of West Virginia will use all practicable diligence to have these patients from that State removed at as early a day as possible, as the room now occupied by them is greatly needed for patients from the State of Virginia." It will thus be seen that it is expected that these unfortunate citizens of our State will not be allowed to remain in that institution, but will be provided for elsewhere at the earliest possible period. This can only be done by the speedy completion of our own Hospital; and I feel that I would be omitting my duty if I were to let this occasion pass without again urging upon the Legislature the making of a liberal appropriation for this purpose. Shall we, while assuming the character of a State, continue to be dependent upon a neighboring State for the accommodation of this class of our citizens, when we are informed that this accommodation by that State is to the exclusion of its own afflicted people from the benefits of the institution referred to, and when we have the means at our command to speedily provide for them within our own State. While I do not suggest the precise sum that should be appropriated for this purpose, I trust that it will be the pleasure of the Legislature to make it commensurate with the imperitive necessities of the case.

A. I. BOREMAN.

WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA,
February 12, 1866.

To A. I. BOREMAN,

Governor of West Virginia:

SIR:—In compliance with the accompanying order of my appointment, and resolution of the Legislature of West Virginia, adopted on the 22d day of January, 1866, I visited the Eastern Lunatic Asylum at Williamsburg, Va., and the Western Lunatic Asylum at Staunton, Va., and in pursuance of said order, make my report to you:

First, I herewith present a written statement of Dr. Leonard Henley, Superintendent and physician of the Eastern Lunatic Asylum, showing the number of patients now in said asylum to be thirteen (13), chargeable to the State of West Virginia, and they claim for their support, from May 1st, 1865, to January 1st, 1866, the sum of three thousand two hundred and fifteen dollars and twenty-nine cents ($3,215 $\frac{29}{100}$,) and charge $7 per week for each patient until removed.

I further report, that the superintendent at this asylum afforded me every facility in his power to obtain the information required, and I believe the statement furnished by him contain the facts.

I was conducted through the asylum, and found it cleanly and as comfortable as it could be under the circumstances. They are, however, deprived of many of the conveniences and comforts heretofore enjoyed. Their gas and water works are unfit for use. They are compelled to use wood in stoves to heat the apartments, and candles for lights, &c.

Second, I herewith present the resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Western Lunatic Asylum, and the statement of Dr. Francis T. Stubbing, Physician and Superintendent, made in pursuance of said resolutions.

From said statement, I ascertain that there are, at this time, in the Western Lunatic Asylum from the counties of West Virginia ninety-three (93) patients. Three of them have heretofore paid for their own support, which leaves ninety (90) chargeable to the State at the sum of $204 per annum for each one.

The resolutions of said Board seem to claim that the State of West Virginia should be held accountable for the support of her patients in said asylum from 30th September, 1860, and with that view the statement furnished by the superintendent embraced that period up the present time!

Not being satisfied that the State of West Virginia should pay for the whole time from September 30th, 1860, up to January 1st,

1866, without any credits, I have made no estimate, but must submit the fixing of the time and basis of settlement to your honor and the State authority. I have, however, from said statement ascertained the cost of supporting the said patients from May 1st, 1865, up to January 1st, 1866, to be $12,451 $\frac{35}{100}$, and to support the patients now in said asylum for one year from January 1st, 1866, $18,360.

From the foregoing it will be seen that there are now

in the eastern Lunatic Asylum	13 patients.
In the western Asylum	93 "
Total	106 patients,

For which provision should be made as soon as possible in our own State asylum, because of the heavy expense of supporting them outside of our own State; and further, we may be required to remove them, and if so required to remove them, without having provided a suitable place or apartments in our own asylum, the expense and trouble will be greatly increased.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

M. P. AMISS, *Agent.*

THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
WHEELING, Jan'y 25, 1866.

M. P. AMISS,

Parkersburg, West Va:

SIR:—You are appointed in pursuance of the enclosed resolution, adopted by the Legislature on the 22d of January, 1866, to proceed to Williamsburg and Staunton, Virginia, and ascertain the number of insane persons in the asylums at each of those places who were sent from within this State—what counties they are from respectively—their names—and whether they are such as are supported from their own estates, or their friends, or entitled to be supported by the State.

You will, also, ascertain what sum is claimed for the support of these patients at those institutions; and especially and separately ascertain the amount claimed for their support from the 1st day of May last (that being a few days after the surrender of the rebel armies,) until the 1st day of January, 1866. And will further ascertain on what terms and at what cost they will be supported for the current year, beginning January 1st, 1866.

After you have ascertained these facts, and such others as you may deem pertinent in regard to this matter, you will please return and report to me, as required by the enclosed resolution.

Very Respectfully,

A. I. BOREMAN, *Governor.*

Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Governor be authorized to emply an agent, who shall proceed immediately to Staunton and Williamsburg, Virginia, for the purpose of ascertaining the number of insane persons in the asylum at each of these places, who were sent from within this State; the amount claimed at each institution for their support to the 1st of January, 1866, and the terms on which they can remain in these institutions for the current year, and that he make a report to the Governor, to be laid before the Legislature.

Adopted Jan. 22, 1866.

CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
JANUARY 25, 1866.

I certify that the foregoing is a true transcript from the record in this office.

WILLIAM P. HUBBARD,
Clerk House of Delegates, and Keeper of the Rolls.

List of insane persons from West Virginia in Western Lunatic Asylum of Virginia, since October 1, 1860. Made Feb. 8, 1866.

Name.	County.	Date of Admission.	Discharged, Dead or Eloped—Date.
John Mitchell	Berkeley,	1828, Sept. 20	Remains.
Wm. H. Hickman	Jefferson,	1829, Apr. 8	Died, Nov. 5, '64
John Buffington	Cabell,	1836, Nov. 2	Remains.
Chas. F. M. Craighill	Jefferson,	1839, Nov. 15	"
Almida Mahew	Ohio.	1841, July 22	"
Wm. Elgin	Marshall,	" Dec. 25	Died, Nov. 4, '60
Alfred Mather	Harrison,	" " 28	Remains.
Jacob Sheets	Wood,	1842, Jan. 24	Died, J'ly 30,'63
Thomas Flinn	Jefferson,	" Apr. 15	" Dec. 11,'63
David Deford	Ohio,	" Oct. 10	Remains.
Daniel McFadden	Jefferson,	1844, Feb. 28	"
Wm. Alverson	Hampshire,	" Mar. 21	"
Thomas Hull	Wayne,	1845, Feb. 6	"
Joseph Richard	Jefferson,	" Apr. 30	"
Anthony Dold	Greenbrier,	" Aug. 29	"
Samuel Donaghe	Ohio,	" Sept. 24	"
Sarah M. Crumbecker	"	" " 24	"
*Wm. Small	Berkeley,	1846, Jan. 8	"
Rebecca Marlow	Ohio,	" Nov. 14	Died, Jan. 29,'62
Malcher Barchett	Mercer,	1847, Jan. 22	Remains.
Mary King	Harrison,	" May 8	Died, J'ly 11,'61
Elizabeth Townsend	Ohio,	1848, Feb. 17	Remains.
Nancy Clendennin	Putnam,	" Dec. 22	Died, June 1,'65
Mary Bashore	Berkeley,	1850, Jan. 26	" Sep. 25,'64
David Cotton	Monongalia	" Feb. 3	" Ap. 23,'64
C. E. Brown	Putnam,	" " 11	Remains.
Reuben Swiger	Harrison,	" " 20	"
James Louks	Randolph,	" " 27	Died, Oct. 11,'62
James Durgan	Fayette,	" Apr. 18	" J'ly 2,'62
Abraham Kemp	Jefferson,	" " 30	Remains.
Thos. J. Larew	"	" " 30	Died, Ap. 13,'64
Eunice Phillips	Monongalia	" July 8	Remains.
Wm. Black	Harrison,	" Aug. 19	"
Helen Lynch	Hardy,	" Sept. 3	"
Mary Williams	Kanawha,	" " 26	"
Isabella Logsden	Marshall,	" Oct. 13	"
Wm. Irby	Cabell,	" Nov. 6	Died, Mar. 7,'63
Mary J. Smart	Hardy,	" " 8	Remains.
Joseph Bear	Ohio,	" " 20	"
Almarinda Smith	Wayne,	1851, Jan. 3	"
Mary A. Demos	Berkeley,	" " 22	"
Richard Morrison	"	" Feb. 18	"
Christina Buckhart	"	" Mar. 6	"
Chas. Howard	"	" " 14	"
Wm. T. Parker	Hampshire,	" Apr. 6	"
Timothy Clutter	Pocahontas,	" " 29	"

*Pay Patients.

LIST—CONTINUED.

Name.	County.	Date of Admission.	Discharged, Dead or Eloped—Date.
Addison Cooper	Hampshire,	1851, June 9	Died Nov. 13, '65
Mary A. Kidder	Jefferson,	" " 12	Remains.
George Ganzart	Marion,	" July 16	"
Mary Price	Ohio,	" Sept. 24	"
Rebecca J. Jarrell	Mercer,	" Oct. 30	Died, July 5, '61
Thos. O. Donnell	Berkeley,	" " 31	Remains.
W. T. Randolph	Doddridge,	" Nov. 3	Died, Apr. 11, '63
Nancy E. Maze	Gilmer,	1852, Jan. 14	Remains.
Ed. W. Brown	Greenbrier,	" Mar. 19	Died, Aug. 6, '63
John Weyman	Ohio,	" " 24	" Feb. 28, '61
J. R. N. Dorsey	Jefferson,	" " 30	Remains.
Eugenias H. Little	Marion,	" May 11	"
*John T. Fryatt	Berkeley,	" June 25	Died, Nov. 15, 63
Bridget Ward	Randoph,	" July 16	Remains.
Ellen J. Keywood	Jefferson,	" Aug. 12	"
Geo. R. C. Price	Hardy,	" Sept. 5	"
Robt. N. Pine	Kanawha,	" " 18	"
Martha A. McGuffin	Randolph,	" Nov. 19	"
Jeremiah Conner	Berkeley,	" Dec. 5	"
John Cavanagh	Gilmer,	1853, Apr. 15	"
Lorenzo Nelson	Hampshire,	" May 7	"
Elizabeth Keesling	Upshur,	" June 2	"
Robert McClintic	Greenbrier,	" July 21	"
Margaret Hall	Marion,	" Aug. 19	"
Jas. A. Nettle	Monroe,	" Sept. 17	"
Jeremiah Echols	Ohio,	" " 20	"
Israel Heafer	Jefferson,	" Oct. 1	"
Martha E. Maupin	Cabell,	" Nov. 22	"
Rachel Lowry	Greenbrier,	" " 27	"
Jas. F. Duke	Jefferson,	" Dec. 6	"
Wm. McFerris	Greenbrier,	1854, Apr. 17	"
Thomas Carey	Wayne,	" July 30	"
Mark B. Kounes	Mason,	" Aug. 18	Died, Feb. 4, '62
William Morrow	Harrison,	" Nov. 7	Remains.
James Nuzam	Taylor,	1855, Jan. 24	"
John Schrack	Ohio,	" Mar. 29	Eloped Oct 1, 65
John Woody	Putnam,	" April 7	Died, Jan. 20, 62
Phebe A. Anderson	Wetzel,	" " 13	Died, Feb. 28, 65
Thos. C. Parker	Upshur,	" Aug. 1	Remains.
Andrew J. Evans	Wetzel,	" Oct. 10	Died, June 18, 63
Curtis Dailey	Berkeley,	" Dec. 2	Died, Oct. 18, 60
Sebastian Eaty	Jefferson,	1856, Feb. 5	Remains.
Rose A. Bowman	Berkeley,	" Mar. 18	Died, May 3, 63
Hansford N. Cooper	Marshall,	" " 24	Died, Feb. 8, '61
James Ellis	Greenbrier,	" Apr. 26	Remains.
John Sullivan	Berkeley,	" May 8	Died, Oct. 18, 64
Abby C. Ludwick	Hampshire,	" " 16	Remains.
Elizabeth Reynolds	Barbour,	" June 30	"

*Pay Patients.

LIST—CONTINUED.

Names.	County.	Date of Admission.	Discharged, Dead or Eloped—Date.
William Boley	Jefferson,	1856, July 15	Remains.
Jackson Edwards	Barbour,	" Aug. 1	"
George Davis	Greenbrier,	" Sep. 18	"
Mary E. McKein	Brooke,	1857, Mar. 10	"
Mary J. Irwin	Lewis,	" Apr. 11	"
Edward W. Stephens	Ohio,	" June 3	"
Mary Burdent	Greenbrier,	" Aug. 8	"
Margaret Sensler	Preston,	" Aug. 21	Died Ap. 25, '64
Elizabeth Gaertner	Ohio,	" Aug. 27	Died J'ly 27, '62
Emily Hardway	Kanawha,	" Nov. 24	Remains.
Jane McCloy	Jefferson,	1858, June 22	"
Margaret Cunningham	Kanawha,	" June 29	Died May 14, '63
John Mone	Ohio,	" July 16	Remains.
Matthew Collins	Mason,	" Dec. 13	Died Feb. 22, '64
George Stine	Jefferson,	1859, Feb. 16	Remains.
Augustus Wilson	Raleigh,	" Mar. 16	"
Western R. Moss	Monroe,	" Mar. 25	Died Nov. 16, '62
Thomas Lyon	Berkeley,	" July 17	Died Jun. 10, '64
Luther O. Howes	Barbour,	" Oct. 22	Remains.
Lydia Keister	Greenbrier,	" Nov. 7	"
Ann Smith	Cabell,	" Dec. 7	Discharged, cured, October 23, 1860.
John Weinheim	Jackson,	1860, Feb. 27	Remains.
William Dillon	Taylor,	" Apr. 20	Died Nov. 5, '62
Margaret Neel	Monroe,	" May 10	Died Sep. 10, '62
Martin Fansler	Randolph,	" June 16	Remains.
Thomas Nichols	Logan,	" July 8	Discharged, cured, March 5, 1861.
Polly Blankenship	Logan,	" July 8	Remains.
Samuel Westwood	Ohio,	" Sep. 7	"
Maria Eagan	Marion,	" Sep. 20	Died Ap. 11, '64
Joseph Kempt	Hancock,	" Sep. 26	Discharged, cured, Sep. 30, 1861.
Virginia McCutcheon	Nicholas,	" Oct. 1	Discharged, cured, Nov. 3d, 1861.
Elizabeth A. Hurt	Monroe,	" Oct. 18	Discharged, cured, June 17, 1862.
*Abney W. Hogg	Mason,	" Oct. 27	Discharged, cured, Nov. 16, 1865.
Bridget Foley	Jefferson,	" Nov. 1	Discharged, cured, Jan. 6, 1862.
Giles C. Hamill	"	" Nov. 15	Discharged, cured, Nov. 30, 1861.
*Ephraim M. Grace	Hampshire,	" Nov. 15	Discharged, cured, Apr. 24, 1861.
Jacob C. Roach	Mason,	" Nov. 17	Remains.
Ann M. Kidwell	Hampshire,	" Nov. 30	Discharged, cured, Dec. 17, 1861.
James Nolon	Berkeley,	" Dec. 15	Remains.
Joanna Kettzmer	Jefferson,	1861, Feb. 28	Discharged, cured, Sep. 30, 1861.
Arch. M. Douglass	"	" May 14	Remains.
Elizabeth Snyder	Randolph,	" June 7	"
*Peter J. White	Putnam,	" June 14	"
Thos. M. Parkins	Greenbrier,	" July 4	Discharged, cured, Sep. 15, 1862.
*Ann D. Scott	Hardy,	" July 27	Remains.
*Wm, S. Parker	Hampshire,	" Aug. 12	Discharged, cured, Sep. 30, 1861.
Wm. Price	Greenbrier,	" Aug. 22	Discharged, cured, June 23, 1862.

* Pay Patients.

LIST—CONTINUED.

Name.	County.	Date of Admission.	Discharged, Dead or Eloped—Date.
Elijah Ramsburg	Berkeley,	1862, Apr. 7	Discharged, cured, April 8, 1862.
*Catharine M. Nicholson	Jefferson,	" Aug. 1	Discharged, cured, Nov. 30, 1863.
Henry Farley	Logan,	1863, Sept. 17	Remains.
Thomas Nickels	"	" " 17	Discharged, cured, April 9 1864.
Joseph Noel	Hampshire,	1864, July 2	Remains.
*William S. Parker	"	" Aug. 30	Discharged, cured, Aug. 29, 1865.
Susan McDowell	Greenbrier.	1865, Feb. 16	Remains.

*Pay Patients.

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FRANCIS T. STRIBLING,

Physician and Superintendent.

EASTERN LUNATIC ASYLUM,
WILLIAMSBURG, Va., Feb. 2, 1866.

M. P. AMISS, ESQ.:

SIR—In compliance with the resolution of the Legislature of West Virginia, requesting the Superintendent to furnish the Commissioner with the names and residences of all insane persons in this Institution, alleged to have been sent from within the limits of that State before the war, and to ascertain the amount claimed for their support, from the 1st of May, 1865, to the 1st of January, 1866; also, what arrangements can be made for their continuance here, until they can be provided for in your asylum, is herewith respectfully furnished.

It would afford me much pleasure to be able to furnish you a full and detailed account of the insane, when admitted, also their pecuniary condition, now under my care, but I am sorry to say that the records of the Institution were destroyed or so mutilated that I am compelled to confine myself strictly to the resolution of the Legislature, and furnish the names, counties, the amount due for support for the time specified, and what will be charged per head, per week.

John L. Heller, from Randolph, Feb. 14, 1837.
Martin Quackenbush, from Monroe, April 12, 1843.
Martha Sommerville, from Harrison, April 3, 1844.
George Perry, from Jefferson, March 23, 1847.
Louisa Wagner, from Ohio, Jan. 19, 1847.
Mundly I. Bowie, from Harrison, Jan. 13, 1855.
Francis Boyd, from Harrison, June 30, 1855.
William Maxwell, from Hancock, Feb. 2, 1857.
Louisa Swartz, from Wood, Aug 20, 1857.
Virginia Raum, from Jefferson, April 22, 1859.
Cynthia Farrell, from Kanawha, Feb. 9, 1861.
Thos. Florence, from Ohio, Feb. 14, 1861.
Wm. Alexander, from Lewis, March 20, 1861.
Total, 13.

Amount claimed, $3,215 29 to 1st January, 1866.

We will charge seven dollars per week for each patient until removed.

Yours, Very Respectfully,

LEONARD HENLY,
Superintendent and Physician.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Western Lunatic Asylum, convened for the purpose of considering a communication from the Governor of West Virginia, present, Alex. H. H. Stuart, John Wayt, Benjamin F. Points, Henry H. Peck, Benjamin Crawford, Edwin M. Taylor, and Wm. C. Eskridge. The communication of Gov. Boreman having been read,

On motion of Edwin M. Taylor, ordered that the Superintendent furnish Mr. P. Amiss, Agent for the State of West Virginia, a list of all the patients from West Virginia, who now are or have been in the asylum since the 30th of September, 1860, with the date of their admission, and discharge or death, and the counties from which they have respectively been received.

Ordered, That it be communicated to the Governor of West Virginia, as the sense of this Board, that inasmuch as the whole expense of maintaining the asylum and its inmates since the close of the fiscal year 1860, has been borne by taxation levied exclusively on the people of Virginia, justice requires that the State of West Virginia should pay a part of the cost of maintaining the asylum from that date, proportioned to the number of her patients in the asylum.

Ordered, That it be made known to the Governor of West Virginia that the aggregate cost of maintaining the asylum, divided by the whole number of patients, exhibits the average cost of maintenance to be two hundred and four dollars ($204) per annum.

Ordered, That the Superintendent inform the agent of West Virginia, that the Board is willing in a spirit of comity to accommodate the patients from West Virginia in the Western Asylum for the present year, at the rate of two hundred and four dollars ($204) per annum, but that they earnestly hope that the Governor of West Virginia will use all his practical diligence to have these patients from that State removed at as early a day as possible, as the room now occupied by them is greatly needed for patients from the State of Virginia.

A copy—Test.

W. C. ESKRIDGE, *Clerk p. t.*

FEBRUARY 8, 1866.